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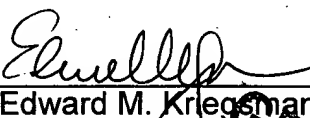
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1. U.S. Patent No. 4,231,826 inventors Wrast et al. issued November 4, 1980;
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,461,738, inventor Russell, issued July 24, 1984;
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,712,677, inventor Russell, issued December 15, 1987.

Copies of the foregoing documents are provided with this paper. In addition, these documents are listed on the enclosed PTO Form FB-A820. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the enclosed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the enclosed form.

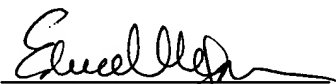
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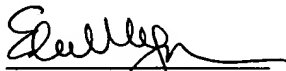
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